

Wednesday, 23rd August 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past eight of the Clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Floods

* S.N.Q. No. 11.—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) the precautionary steps taken by the Government regarding the recent floods in the Cauvery;

(b) the nature and extent of damage caused by the floods;

(c) the immediate and long-time relief measures taken by the Government; and

(d) whether Central aid has been demanded to carry out flood prevention measures in the Cauvery?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) to (d): The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Comprehensive Statement^a on floods placed on the table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think Starred Question No. 12 may be taken up and answered.

* S.N.Q. No. 12.—SRI T. SAMPATH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coleroon breached at Koiladi near Kallanai and the floods entered into the Cauvery; the details thereof;

(b) the reason for the breaches; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the breaches are due to the indifference and slackness of the Public Works Department?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement^b on floods in the Cauvery placed on the table of the House to-day.

(c) No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: I suggest that the discussion on this subject may be taken up to-morrow.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: I also support the suggestion and request that it may be considered.